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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 08-322784A, published December 10, 1996 together with English language abstract; and
2. International Publication No. 94/17727, published August 18, 1994.

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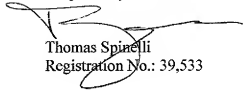
  
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The references were cited in a Supplementary European Search Report dated February 12, 2008. Applicant is submitting copies of the above-cited references, together with a copy of the Search Report. The relevance of the above-identified references has been described in the Search Report.

Further, the undersigned hereby states that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

Applicants also submit the requisite \$180.00 official fee pursuant to § 1.17(p) by means of charging deposit account no. 19-1013/SSMP.

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